



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

1. **Date: Thursday, August 11, 2023**
2. **Meeting was called to order at 6:32 ET by Patty**

In Attendance:

- Patty Leazier
- Mary Allmond
- Mikey Ratliff
- Jay Ingram
- McKenzie Browne
- Erin Jackson
- Robin Pendergast
- Kelly Springer
- Deb Alpers
- Heidi Permatteo (guest)

Missing: Tosha Hill

Declaration of Conflicts

- Mikey: Jr World Team coach
- Kelly: Sr World Team coach
- Jay/Patty: World Team Manager, Coach of world team skater,
- Deb/Robin/McKenzie: No conflicts
- Mary: Coach of World Team Athlete

Note: A vote was held to decide if World Team staff could participate in discussion and vote.

1 vote against allowing for discussion and voting, 4 votes in favor of allowing discussion and voting

World Team Alternate discussion

- This meeting is to discuss alternates attending the World Championships
- Jr Ladies & if they registered as of 8/11: Paige Nodarse (no), Mariena Johnson (yes)
- Jr Men: Roman Alvarado (no), Jacob Adams (no)
- Sr. Ladies: Kayla Duque (yes), Tori Carter (yes)
- Sr. Men: Jacob Anderson (no), Spencer Curtis (no)
- Speed Committee decides if alternates may attend Worlds
- Alternates can be a distraction to coaches and other athletes if they are there not to skate
- Alternates are part of the team, and we would like to support the skaters
- May consider asking the alternates to sign an agreement acknowledging their position and agreeing to conduct themselves as good examples of representatives of our organization.
- Need to confirm if the alternates are entered into the system in time to be able to skate any races where the qualifying World Team members are not competing

Robin made a motion to allow the alternates to attend the World Championships, with the understanding that they are participating as alternates, and will only be assigned races if no qualifying world team members are available. Deb seconded.

Discussion of the motion: Last year no alternates were approved, other years they were. We will clarify that the decision each year is the speed committee's decision, so this year was a yes, and previous years were a no.

Motion passed unanimously.

It is important to communicate to the alternates information about ability to compete, pending confirmation of entries.

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelly seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm ET